

National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency Recommendations and Proposed Initiatives for Kentucky Stakeholders

The National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency (Action Plan) presents policy recommendations for creating a sustainable, aggressive national commitment to energy efficiency through gas and electric utilities, utility regulators, and partner organizations. The full report is available at <http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/actionplan/report.htm>.

The five principle recommendations from the Action Plan were to:

- Recognize energy efficiency as a high-priority energy resource.
- Make a strong, long-term commitment to implement cost-effective energy efficiency as a resource.
- Broadly communicate the benefits of and opportunities for energy efficiency.
- Promote sufficient, timely, and stable program funding to deliver energy efficiency where cost-effective.
- Modify policies to align utility incentives with the delivery of cost-effective energy efficiency and modify ratemaking practices to promote energy efficiency investments.

Kentucky Initiatives for Consideration

Below are initiatives proposed to the Energy Subcommittee by several of Kentucky's principal electric service providers in September 2006. Discussion and activities focused on these initiatives could help Kentucky stakeholders pursue Action Plan recommendations and shape the pathway for significantly improving energy efficiency in Kentucky.

Speakers will address these initiatives throughout the day, and breakout sessions will also focus discussion on priority action items that can lead the Commonwealth toward progress on these initiatives and advances in energy efficiency.

A coalition of Kentucky stakeholders could work jointly to:

- A. Put investment in energy efficiency and conservation on an equal financial footing with investments in generation and transmission assets.**
- B. Promote the deployment of more energy efficient appliances and other technologies through tax credits and other policy options.**
- C. Foster more energy efficient buildings through improved energy building codes and enhanced energy standards.**
- D. Consider innovative ratemaking and rate design (e.g., demand control and time-of use rates) that promote energy efficiency while upholding the principles of fair, just and reasonable rates.**